









## SPORTING NOTES.

To-day sees rather a pause in cricket, as far as the leading players are concerned, before the two great matches on the 25th and 26th inst., and 1st and 2nd prox. respectively, when the height of the local cricket season is practically reached. The Cricket Ground to-day will be occupied by the H.K.C.C. reserves and the A.O.C., who meet in a League match. The Club reserves are in the unenviable position of having to struggle to avoid the wooden spoon, but it is hard to believe that this is their proper place. Never yet have they appeared at anything like full strength—perhaps in their opening match they were best represented until to-day—yet they have not been beaten by much in any of their three matches. Last week, with almost an emergency team, they made a very creditable struggle against the amateur Civil Service C.C., and might have won had all chances been accepted. To-day they have a much better eleven. Two other League matches are down for decision, both in the Happy Valley, the Cambridge C.C. meeting the Tamar, and the Civil Service the Parsons.

The most interesting football game to-day is the Rugby match between the Club and the Navy, the latter owing to the presence of so many warships in the Harbour being unusually strong. The Club, on the other hand, is not at its best, prominent absences being Lieut. P. H. Campbell, Fletcher, Hallifax, and Golding. Our recent form the Navy must start favourites. Under Association rules the V.R.C. and Naval Yard teams meet at Causeway Bay. The game should give some indication of the prospects of the two clubs in the coming competition.

The draw for the first round of the Association Shield seems likely to provide some interesting games. Of the six Naval teams entered, two are drawn together—H.M.S. *Glory*, the holders, and H.M.S. *Leviathan*. The *Albion* and *Despatch* get byes, the Tamar meets the V.R.C., and the *Cressy* the Royal Engineers. The latter, the Sherwood Foresters, and the Royal Artillery have all entered regional teams, and it is obvious that the military intend to make a bold bid for the Shield this year. The alteration in the rules should make the chance of an Army victory as great as it was in the days of the Welsh Fusiliers, though the latter had only company teams in. Three civilian entries have been secured, the H.K.F.C., the V.R.C. E.C., and the Rovers, a new organisation. The H.K.F.C. ought to be able to oust the Naval Yard team, though the latter has not been seen at its best yet—a remark which applies to the old Club also. The V.R.C. meet perhaps the weakest naval team, in the Tamar, and may get into the second round; but the Rovers look out of it against the Foresters. I fancy that the survivors in the five ties of the first round will be the *Glory*, the V.R.C., the H.K.F.C., the *Cressy*, and the Sherwood Foresters. The round has to be finished by the 30th prox.

The Regatta over the V.R.C.'s next great event will be the athletic sports, taking place in March. Training has not yet commenced. Aquatic sports, of course, are some nine months distant. The final function in connection with Victoria Regatta is the regatta dinner. It is to be held at Kowloon Hotel next Wednesday commencing at 8 p.m. Mr. A. Chapman, chairman of the V.R.C., will preside. The H.K. Boat Club has agreed to take part in the function. It would greatly assist Mr. H. C. Austen, secretary of the V.R.C., if all those wishing to attend will kindly send in their names as soon as possible. There is a whisper that the V.R.C. carsmen, though not coming near the standard of International crews, as was proved at the regatta, have not practised as much as might be expected. At all events, the secretary of the V.R.C., and the rowing captain, are trying to arrange for monthly scratch races to keep the men in training. It is to be hoped that there will be a lot of entries.

A new stock of goods for the V.R.C. Gymnasium, such as boxing-gloves, fencing-sticks, parallel-bars, etc., have arrived. The Gymnasium, by the way, ought to be used a great deal more.

The overwhelming victory at bowling of the Hongkong over the German Club was totally unexpected. Indeed, up to within a week of the match, the Germans were favourites. The good performances of the Hongkong Club team in practice indicated the balance of opinion somewhat in their favour, and after Friday night's roll a victory seemed probable; but a margin of 979 points was never dreamt of. Seeing that the differences of points in the matches for the present shield have been only 121 (1899), 371 (1900), 145 (1901), and 257 (1902), this year's figures are startling in their discrepancy. The first six individual scores were made by members of the winning team, Müller, the head German, having to be content with seventh place. The most creditable performance perhaps was that of Chater, whose 1462 was only 18 points behind the score of Hinds. For a newcomer in the team to do so well is more than unusual. The Hongkong Club has now won nine matches in all against the German Club's seven; and to win the present shield requires but one more match.

The only item as regards hockey this week is the Club's victory over the *Glory* on Wednesday by 2-1. There ought to be plenty of good matches in the near future preparatory to the Cup Competition (which comes off in January and February) as so many clubs are in, besides which the 14th Mahrattas (the old 14th Bombay L.I.), who won the cup last year, are in from camp and will soon be seen in the field.

The fifth club race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club takes place to-day and to-morrow; the championship class sailing to-day, and the one-designers and second class to-morrow. Of late weather has been extremely treacherous, varying from light gales to calms, in almost less time than it takes to write. It is to be earnestly hoped that wherever the wind blows from this afternoon, it will have sufficient force to ensure good sport, and be constant.

The splendid victory of the English cricketers in the first Test match of the present tour in Australia, by five wickets, is a fitting sequel to their previous four performances. The under-rated team, like a few others that have been decried both in England and in Australia before starting on their tour, has done better than sides the selection of which gave satisfaction. Not that all under-rated teams. For instance, there is A. C. MacLaren. "I consider our men to have a much bigger chance than many imagine," he recently stated in a contemporary, "and if they win they will deserve all credit, for I know full well how hard it is to defeat Australia on her own battle ground." Well, they have defeated Australia once at least. The next Test match begins on New Year's Day at Melbourne. We cannot look for a repetition of R. E. Foster's magnificent 257, but the team will enter the field with the confidence of a series of victories, one of the highest order of merit.

It is noteworthy that George Robey, the celebrated music-hall comedian, played inside left the other day for Millwall Athletic v. the Cambridge University Association team. Robey, by the way, is an old Oxonian. He is reported to have played with "a tragic intensity which found its antithesis in his failures."

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## SUPREME COURT.

Friday, 18th December.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

ALLEGED DEFILEMENT OF A GIRL.

Li Taci was brought up on a charge of defilement of a girl under 16 years of age. The Attorney-General, Hon. Sir Henry S. Berkeley, who appeared for the Crown (instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor) stated that since the indictment was filed he had had a communication from the Principal Civil Medical Officer which put it beyond doubt that the girl was above the age. He therefore did not propose to proceed further with the case. He believed his friend Mr. Pollock had been instructed to defend.

The prisoner was discharged. In connection with the same case Chu Kin was brought up on a charge of having suffered a girl under age to be carnally known on her premises.

The Attorney-General stated that he desired to pursue the same course with regard to this woman as had been followed in regard to the previous case. Chu Kin having been called up, his Lordship formally discharged her, remarking that he understood she kept a sly brothel and, although she was discharged in this particular case, she must be very careful what she was about; otherwise she would get into trouble. There was no doubt, that she kept young girls on her premises.

The prisoner was discharged. THE CHARGE AGAINST SERGEANT LEE. Sergeant J. F. Lee was brought up on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the accidental shooting of Mr. MacGregor in the New Territory.

The Attorney-General said he had come to the conclusion, after reading the depositions, that there was no ground for proceeding with the prosecution. He accordingly asked his Lordship to discharge the defendant.

His Lordship discharged the defendant accordingly. He said he had read the depositions and had no doubt that this was an accident—a really melancholy accident. It was exceptional. There might have been some carelessness but he was sure that Sergeant Lee regretted the event as much as any one in Court.

The Attorney-General said he hoped his Lordship might add that there was no stain of any kind on Sergeant Lee's character.

His Lordship said he did not think there was any stain on Sergeant Lee's character. It was purely an accident—they would occur sometimes—and as far as he could see from the depositions, although the Magistrate was quite right in sending the matter to the Supreme Court for their decision, he thought there was no moral guilt attaching to Sergeant Lee in any way. Sergeant Lee was discharged.

AN UNDESIRABLE.

Lam Hing's name appeared on the list as having returned from banishment.

The Attorney-General stated that since the defendant had been committed for trial it had been discovered that he was a British subject having been born in the New Territory.

The Chief Justice discharged the man, and added that although he was discharged on a technical point it was quite clear that he was an undesirable character. Otherwise he would not have been banished. As he had the right to remain in the colony, his Lordship hoped that he would amend his ways and be a respectable member.

ARMED ROBBERY.

Tsoi Lin Lo Cheong and Fang Lin were charged with armed robbery, and Lo Kun Tai was charged with receiving stolen goods. They pleaded not guilty.

The following jury was empanelled.—Messrs. A. Becker, L. A. Rose, A. G. Roberts, A. Ritchie, E. W. Terry, P. Plinge and G. H. May. The Attorney-General said that on 18th October several men with faces blackened entered a boat at Loehaiwan and stole \$50 in money and a quantity of jewelry, etc. They were armed with revolvers and used force in dealing with the occupants of the boat. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The first three prisoners were sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour and 24 strokes of the birch; the fourth was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

ARMED ROBBERY.

Four Chinese were brought up on a charge of having been concerned in an armed robbery at Loehaiwan on the 18th and 19th inst. They pleaded not guilty.

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The jury found the charge proven, and his Lordship sentenced the accused to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

## POLICE COURT.

Friday, 18th December.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

ALLEGED LIBEL.

The case in which Captain Bazin, master of the s.s. *Wong Nam*, was charged with libelling and slandering Madame Irma Guion, which was remanded from Tuesday last, was resumed at the Magistracy yesterday morning.

Mr. P. P. Hett, solicitor, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Harding, solicitor, for the defence.

In opening the case for the prosecution Mr. Hett said that the complainant is a married woman, living apart from her husband. She had a furniture shop in Hongkong, and bought and sold second-hand furniture. She was well thought of by the French Consul and by the French community generally. The defendant is a ship's captain and he also has a wine and spirit shop in Canton.

Continuing, Mr. Hett said the defendant was not thought well of by the French community and the French Consul thought badly of him. The defendant had previously had to apologise for similar libels as the one the subject matter of this charge. On the 22nd or 23rd of October past the adopted daughter of the complainant died suddenly in the Civil Hospital in Hongkong, a post-mortem examination being held, and when the contents of the stomach were analysed by the Government analyst, nothing injurious was found in them. On the 23rd inst., in the afternoon, the complainant received a letter written in French (a translation of which appeared in these columns on Wednesday last), that letter being the subject matter of this action. The complainant was prostrated with grief at the sudden death of Marie, and did not do anything in the matter for some time, but subsequently saw the French Consul, as rumours that she had poisoned Marie reached her ears, and became insistent. The defendant, said Mr. Hett, had stated that he did not know Madame Guion, but that was a quibble, as that was not her real name, as would appear from the evidence he was about to produce. The complainant has kept and supported the girl, Marie, for some 7 years, the latter being 16 years old at the time of her death.

Mr. Dennis O'Keefe was then called, and, sworn, said he was an Inspector of Nuisances in the Sanitary Department. He had known the complainant for 3 years, and was an intimate friend of her husband. He knew the deceased girl Marie, the adopted daughter of the complainant. He knew the defendant. The complainant introduced him in the drawing-room of her house. He was then living in her house with his family. He remembered the death of Marie. A few days after her death he met the defendant in the street, when on his way home from work. He asked him if he had heard that Marie was dead, when the defendant replied, "I know; Madame Guion poisoned her."

Witness was very indignant, and told the man he was a d— fool, and did not know what he was talking about. He told him to go his way, and never to speak to him, witness, again. He said he would tell Madame Guion what the defendant had said, and he did tell her.

Cross-examined by Mr. Harding, witness said he could not remember the date or the day of the week on which he met the defendant, but it was three or four days after the death of the girl. He always spoke to defendant in English. He had conversed with him on several occasions, sometimes for as long as two hours. He did not know French. It was after the inquest that the defendant said he knew that Madame Guion had poisoned the girl. He said nothing more than what he had already stated. Charles Meurer, sworn, deposed that he was an employee of Messrs. Paul Lemaire and Co. His firm received a letter from the defendant. It was signed by Bazin, the defendant. In consequence of that letter an apology was demanded from Bazin, and the apology was given by him. A copy of the apology was produced and put in. He could swear that both documents were signed by Bazin. The apology was written by the French Consul and signed by Bazin. The word *proseinde* used in the letter to the complainant means a "woman who gets men for other women."

Cross-examined by Mr. Harding, witness said he had never seen the defendant sign or write any letters. He did not know anything about the defendant's business in Canton. He did not know if he employed any clerks. He did not think the letter, produced, was written by a clerk. It was written by Bazin. He had seen other letters of Bazin's before that one. A *proseinde* might be a prostitute, Madame Guion, the complainant, was then called and sworn. She deposed that her name was Irma Guion. She said furnished for a living. Her husband is away in France. He was seriously ill and was ordered to go back to France by doctors. Complainant has been supporting him as well as her adopted daughter. She had also sometimes taken boarders. She knew the defendant. She first met him a year ago. He and his family lived in her house for 3 months. There were the defendant, his wife and sister-in-law. She had no quarrel with the defendant. She did not know if her husband had any quarrel with him. He, the defendant, and his family left her house suddenly, without giving notice. After he left she received several letters from the defendant. He sent some of them back to the defendant, and some she took to the French Consul, and on his advice she burnt them. He had lived 7 years in Hongkong. Marie was 16 when she died. For the last 7 years, witness said she had taken care of Marie, and sent her to school in Hongkong. Marie died on the 21st of October last, at about 11 o'clock in the night. That was on Wednesday. Her death was sudden. On the 23rd of October she received the letter, the subject of this complaint, through the post, she knew the handwriting; it was defendant's handwriting. It was not disguised. She knew his handwriting perfectly well. She had returned one letter to the defendant, unopened, so that he might know that she did not wish him to write to her again. That letter was addressed to her as Madame Chanson. That was her maiden name. She considered that great insult. The case was adjourned until Monday, the 21st inst., bail being allowed as before, \$250.

REBELLIOUS. The captain of the *Hakota* was charged with not having his rat flanges in place while moored to the wharf. His plea was that they were removed to permit his vessel rising without crushing them. He was fined \$10.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

GREIVIOUS HURT. Lui Ho, a coolie, was charged with assaulting a young Chinese girl with a bottle. The girl appeared in court with a fearful cut just below her left eye, and her jacket much blood-stained. She said she was standing outside a shop when the prisoner came up and called her a bad name. She immediately called out to her brother who was inside the shop, when defendant threw the bottle in her face, inflicting the wound shown. His Worship fined him \$20, half of which, if realised, to go to complainant as compensation, or six weeks' hard labour.

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HANDICAP POINTS.

Names	200 yds.	400 yds.	500 yds.	Total
Lieut. F. Smyth	Scr.	Scr.	Scr.	Scr.
Lieut. W. Nicholson	8	9	9	26
Lieut. E. G. Barrett	3	3	4	10
C.S.M. E. D. C. Wolfe	6	7	7	20
Sgt. E. J. Libeaud	4	4	4	12
Sgt. H. C. Wilcox	8	8	9	25
Sgt. C. H. P. Hay	2	1	2	5
Corpl. J. Hays	6	7	7	20
Gunner E. E. Andrus	8	8	9	25
Gunner H. Arthur	8	8	9	25
Gunner H. D. Ball	11	12	13	36
Gunner W. M. Back	8	8	9	25
Gunner C. H. Blason	3	5	5	13
Gunner G. Blood	11	12	12	35
Gunner A. B. Bouchard	11	12	12	35
Gunner E. A. Bralazon	11	12	12	35
Remde. C. G. Dauby	5	6	6	17
Gunner J. Davies	11	12	12	35
Gunner T. S. North	11	12	12	35
Bymdr. B. W. Gray	Scr.	Scr.	Scr.	Scr.
Gunner H. K. Holmes	4	4	4	12
Gunner H. S. Holmes	3	3	3	9
Gunner A. R. Low	11	12	12	35
Gunner F. H. Lybark	10	10	10	30
Gunner A. R. Low	11	12	12	35
Honmr. R. S. Percy	11	12	12	35
Gunner H. R. Rutherford	11	12	12	35
Gunner W. A. Simms	11	12	12	35
Gunner Eric Smith	6	7	7	20
Gunner G. M. Smith	8	8	9	25
Gunner A. J. Darby	3	3	3	9
Gunner E. H. Bell	10	10	10	30
Gunner L. C. Ross	6	7	7	20
Gunner J. Macfarley	11	12	12	35
Gunner Jamieson	11	12	12	35

## VOLUNTEER SHOOTING.

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BIG STEAMERS NOT PAYING. An exchange says that the two great German transatlantic steamship companies have come to the conclusion at which the White Star people arrived some time ago, that the big Atlantic greyhounds do not pay.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

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The Ben Line steamer *Benledi*, from Leith and London, left Singapore on the 17th inst., for this port.

The C.N. steamer *Sunghwan* left Manila for this port on the 16th inst., and is expected here to-day, at daylight.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

Portraits of the States. By JUSTIN McCARTHY. London: Fisher Unwin.

A Woman Against the World. By GEORGE GRAYTHORN. London: George Bell & Sons.

A Queer Affair. By GUY BOOTHBY. London: George Bell & Sons.

The Her of Rome. By F. MARION CRAWFORD. London: George Bell & Sons.

Magnificent. Hawkins; Nancie Dimmitt; Turner; Hymns, 400, 76, 445, and 16.

The Church Lullaby will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6); returning afterwards.

The Answering Penman is the call. All the settings are free and unappropriated.

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## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon &amp; Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 18th December:—

During the past week a fair investment enquiry has continued to be met with, and a moderate volume of business has again been booked. A smart advance in Hongkong Land and Kowloon Wharves has been established during the interval.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have ruled quiet with small sales reported at \$675, the market closing with small sellers at \$675. London quotes \$684. Nationals are unchanged with buyers at \$30.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions continue neglected with sellers at \$490. China Traders have been disposed of at \$57, and are still procurable at that rate. North Chinas have sold locally at \$12.25. Cantons have again been booked at \$175.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong are unchanged with probable sellers at \$310. Chinas are reported to have been booked at \$87, but at the close the market is firm with buyers at \$88.50. Sanying.—Hongkong, Canton and Manco are still more or less out of favour, the market closing with sellers at \$32 after small sales at \$32. Indo-Chinas are dearer with sellers in the North at \$76. Donglasses are weak with sales and further sellers at \$30. Star Ferries (old) have been booked at \$30 and \$29, and (new) at \$19 and \$18, the latter closing in further request at \$19. Shell Transports have declined to 21. Is. Od. sellers.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been booked at \$104.80, and again at \$104, closing firm with cash buyers at \$105. A fair enquiry also exists for forward delivery at slightly less than the usual equivalent of cash rate. Luzons continue neglected at \$10 sellers.

MIXING.—Nothing doing in this department and quotations are unchanged.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have ruled quiet with sales and some further small sellers at \$204. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have continued to advance, and can now be placed at \$80. New Amoy Docks are unchanged with sellers at \$88. Farquhar are quoted at \$12.125 buyers.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have continued in request, and sales have been effected at \$152, \$155, \$156, and \$157, and shares can still be placed at the latter rate. Kowloon Lands have sold and are in further request at \$55. West Pointe are procurable at \$52. Humphrey's Estates have again been booked at \$11, and are still required for. Hongkong Hotels have been booked at \$143 and \$143, and can still be placed at the former rate.

COTTON MILLS.—Ewos after sales in the North up to the 4th have closed off and are now quoted at \$13.7. Internationals are wanted at \$12.25 and Lion King Mills at \$12.40. Soy Chees have sold at \$12.17. Hongkong's are firmer with buyers at \$12.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Island Cements are wanted at \$24 after small sale at \$25. China Cements are firm with buyers at \$8. Watsons have been booked and are in further request at \$14. Electric (old) are wanted at \$14, and (new) at \$5. Ropes can be placed at \$14 and \$14.5. Watkins are wanted at \$74. China Providents are steady at \$84 with a small parcel probably obtainable at the rate.

MEMOS.—Hongkong High Level Tramways Company Limited, ordi any yearly meeting on the 23rd inst. Transfer books close to-morrow until the 26th inst.

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## CHORAL FESTIVAL.

## S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

OWING to the inability of several members of the CHORUS and ORCHESTRA to take part, the proposed Second Performance of the "HYMN OF PRAISE" has been abandoned.

## F. HAYLEY BELL.

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [3497]

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S. A. SETH, Land and Estate Broker.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [1396]

## NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), the 20th instant, that portion of Praya East extending from Ship Street to No. 2 Police Station will be CLOSED to wheeled traffic.

The section from Arsenal Street to Ship Street, which is at present closed, will be re-opened to wheeled traffic a few days later.

W. CHATHAM, Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [3454]

THE CANTON-HONGKONG ICE AND COLD STORAGE CO., LD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STATUTORY MEETING of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company, 31, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 7th day of JANUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon.

CHAN A. TAI, Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [3501]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction

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With a 6 foot Cabin and Keel Condenser.

One 4-OARED BOAT.

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HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [3498]

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FOR SALE, by PUBLIC AUCTION, by the undersigned, at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road,

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TERMS OF SALE—As Customary.

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [3500]

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The Situation in the North.

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1903.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [3485]

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [3499]

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [3495]

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [1]

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PRICES OF ADMISSION:

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(Entitled to a Xmas Souvenir).

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(Call at the Children's Stall).

Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [3462]

## VICTORIA LODGE No. 1025, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, at 5.00 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [3483]

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Amoy, 3rd December, 1903. [3397]

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WM. PARLANE, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1901. [65]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. [3455]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. [3456]

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [3489]

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [3473]

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1903. [3474]

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Hongkong, 11th August, 1903. [2552]

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Hongkong, 3rd November, 1903. [3313]

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Fare—Return ticket, available for 3 days, \$3.00.

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THE REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd instant, until MONDAY, the 30th instant, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares will be registered.

By Order, A. H. MANCELL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1903. [3156]

## THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TEAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of DECEMBER, 1904, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1903.

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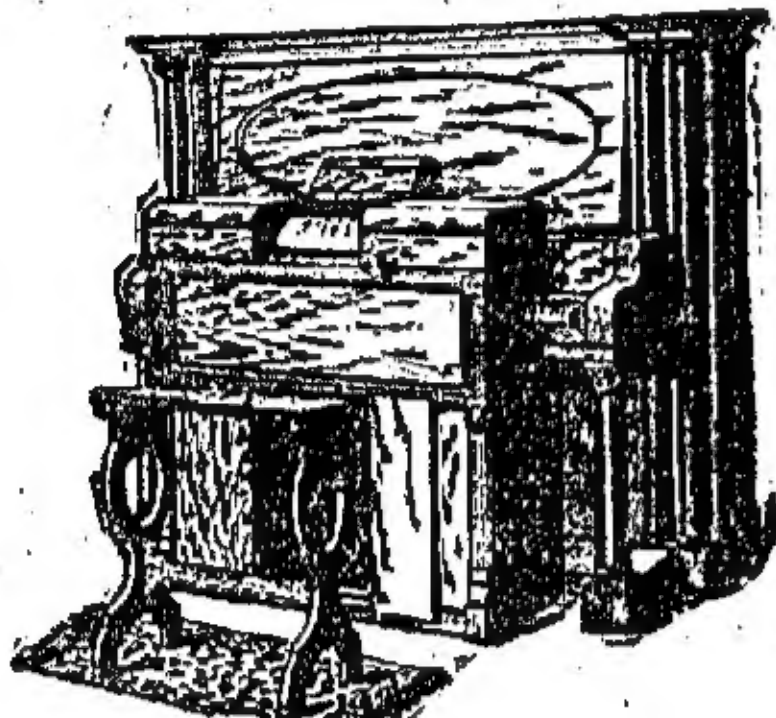
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DOUGLAS LAPELLE & CO.,  
Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.  
Hongkong, 17th August, 1897. [123]

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W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.,  
Hongkong, 3rd August, 1903. [2185]

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Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [1273]

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Hongkong, 19th June, 1903. [1889]

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HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.  
Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. [2160]

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [1494]

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## THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONGKONG.

SIR HENRY BLAKE'S ANSWER TO MR. IRELAND.

Sir Henry Blake, our late Governor, writes as follows to the Editor of the Times:—

Sir,—In the Times of September 14 appears the third of a series of articles on Studies of Administration in the Tropics, by Mr. Allyne Ireland, who was commissioned by the University of Chicago to visit all the Eastern Colonies and report upon the systems of administration under which the various Indo-Malayan people live—a work of very great importance and utility if carried out with unbiased intelligence.

The article in question is a report upon the administration of Hongkong, in which Colony he arrived supported by such recommendations as he secured his accommodation in a room in the already much congested Colonial offices and his access to official sources of information. He remained in the Colony for four months, and the result is a paper so inaccurate, and giving so distorted a picture of the Civil servants of the Colony, that I must ask permission to correct some of his misapprehensions.

Having in the second paragraph acknowledged that the officials are not corrupt, that justice is honestly administered, and that life and property are as secure as they are in London, Mr. Ireland adds that:—

"A number of persons possessed of high qualifications fail to be useful servants only because in Hongkong, as in some other places in the British Empire, it is considered the worst of bad form to be interested in one's work."

As one who has administered the Government of various Colonies for 19 years I may claim to speak with some authority on this subject. A more groundless statement has never been made by one assumed to write with a sense of responsibility. In my experience at home and abroad I have never known a body of men on the whole more faithfully devoted to their duties than are the European public officers engaged in the administrative work of the Colony. I was in England at the time of Mr. Ireland's visit, but I learned on my return that unfortunately between Mr. Ireland and some of the public officers with whom he came in contact there was a mutual lack of appreciation which may account for his statements.

But after all this is but a matter of opinion. Now for Mr. Ireland's facts, arrived at after four months' investigation. He cites two instances in which the interests of the Colony have been sacrificed to official dilatoriness:—

"In 1894 a serious outbreak of bubonic plague occurred in Hongkong, and from that time onward the Colony has scarcely been free from it. Notwithstanding the serious nature of such a visitation, it was not until 1901 that the Government took the matter thoroughly in hand by calling for a report on the subject from Professor W. J. Simpson, a Public Health and Buildings Ordinance was drafted as the outcome of Professor Simpson's report and of the advice of Mr. Osbert Chadwick, C.M.G., and of Dr. Francis Clark, medical officer of health, some eight years after the first outbreak of plague."

Immediately after the cessation of the outbreak in 1894 the Government resumed its series of insanitary private property at a cost of \$288,000, removing the houses and laying out the area at a further expenditure of \$108,000. In that year an ordinance was passed dealing with insanitary dwellings, and in 1899 a further ordinance, the Insanitary Properties Ordinance, was passed. The Public Health and Buildings Ordinance alluded to by Mr. Ireland was in the main a consolidating ordinance. Apart from the sums mentioned above, \$1,349,000 were spent in sanitation between the advent of the epidemic in 1894 and 1902, the year in which Professor Simpson visited the Colony at my request, the large expenditure and the exertions of an ever-increasing sanitary staff being ineffectual to stay the annually recurring ravages of the epidemic. A further sum of \$712,000 has been expended since 1901, and the expenditure of the Sanitary Department, which in 1893 stood at \$58,000, stands in this year's estimates at \$583,000.

Again:—

"The other instance to which I refer is the water supply of the Colony. About 20 years ago Mr. Osbert Chadwick was called upon to make a report upon the water supply of Hongkong. He applied the Government with a number of suggestions which were only carried out in part. . . . After an interval of 20 years Mr. Chadwick had to be again called in to report once more upon the water supply of the Colony."

In 1882 Mr. Chadwick reported. In 1883 the great reservoir at Tytan was begun, and completed in 1889 at a cost of \$1,267,000. Another reservoir at Wongmohong was also added, and a general distribution carried out not only on the lower levels but throughout the Peak district to an elevation of 1,800ft., while in Kowloon waterworks were also established. Between 1883 and 1900 the sum of \$2,131,000 was expended in waterworks alone, and in 1901 a scheme was entered upon for increasing the water supply of Kowloon estimated to cost \$835,000, of which \$200,000 had already been expended. I have Mr. Chadwick's report of April 10, 1902, before me. He recapitulates his recommendations made in 1882, which were adopted by Mr. Cooper, the then Director of Public Works, and in paragraph 55 he writes with reference to these recommendations:—

"The conclusions which I have arrived at may be summarised as follows:—(a) The works recommended by Mr. Cooper as urgently required have been carried out with good results. In pursuance of further recommendations made by Mr. Chadwick in his report of 1902 the construction of a very large additional reservoir has been determined upon and

preliminary work has been begun. This large work will take some years to complete, during which period I fear that the population will continue to suffer great inconvenience in dry summers."

Mr. Ireland speaks of the inadequate size of the Government offices. The Colonial offices were built and the Supreme Court building was acquired in 1848, when the population was 21,000. The Post Office was built in 1865, when the population was 125,000. The population is now 412,000. New Law Courts and Post Office are being erected at an ultimate cost of over \$1,300,000.

The publication of Mr. Ireland's most misleading statements in the Times means the publication in every Colony in the Empire, in some of which the future lot may be cast of public officers with whose work he has failed to make himself acquainted. It is in justice to them that I write. In such an investigation as Mr. Ireland has undertaken literary capacity without accuracy is an *ignis fatuus*. If the report to be submitted to the University of Chicago be no more accurate as regards other Colonies of the British Empire than that with which he has favoured you on Hongkong, it will be but a sorry *exemplum* for the study of British Colonial administration.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
HENRY A. BLAKE.  
Government House, Hongkong, October 18.

### HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS CO., LD.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the nineteenth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the company's registered offices, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on the 23rd December, at noon.

Gentlemen,—We beg to lay before you the report and statement of accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1903.

The net profits for the twelve months, after paying charges and all running expenses and making provision for accident fund, amount to... \$41,315.63

To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account... \$3,890.13

\$45,205.79

And from this has to be deducted remuneration to general managers (5 per cent. on gross earnings)... 4,350.39

Leaving available for appropriation... \$40,855.40

Your general managers and consulting committee recommend that a dividend of \$20 per share be paid to shareholders, 1/20th of \$25,000; that \$5,000 be written off rolling stock and \$1,541.82 off stations and shelters; that \$5,000 be transferred to permanent reserve, and the balance, viz. \$4,283.58, be carried to new profit and loss account.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. Orange having resigned, Mr. E. K. Leigh was invited to fill the vacancy, and accepted a seat on the Board. In accordance with Rule 15 of the company's articles of association, the present members, Mr. C. Ewens, the Hon. C. W. Dickson, and Mr. R. K. Leigh retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

In the absence of Mr. Fullerton Henderson from the Colony, the accounts have been audited by Mr. W. H. Potts and Mr. W. E. Gaskell. Mr. Potts and Mr. Gaskell offer themselves for re-election.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 12th December, 1903.

The accounts are as follows:—

BALANCE SHEET.

For the year ending 30th November, 1903.

Capital account: 1,250 shares of \$100 each, fully paid up... \$125,000.00

Permanent reserve fund... \$25,000.00

Unclaimed dividends... \$340.00

Local and general liabilities... 4,060.30

Profit and loss: brought forward \$3,890.13

Profit and loss: for current year \$1,315.38

\$5,205.51

Assets.

Permanent way, concession and deed of grant as per last account... \$25,000.00

Stations, Crown landholdings and buildings (Inland lots 1,017, 1,032, 1,033, 1,034, 1,035, 1,036 and H. B. lot 90)... 15,418.25

Rolling stock... 27,952.99

Furniture account... 125.00

Coal and stores in hand... 1,492.59

Cash in H. and S. Bank... \$25,932.29

Cash and compradore's orders in hand... 1,873.50

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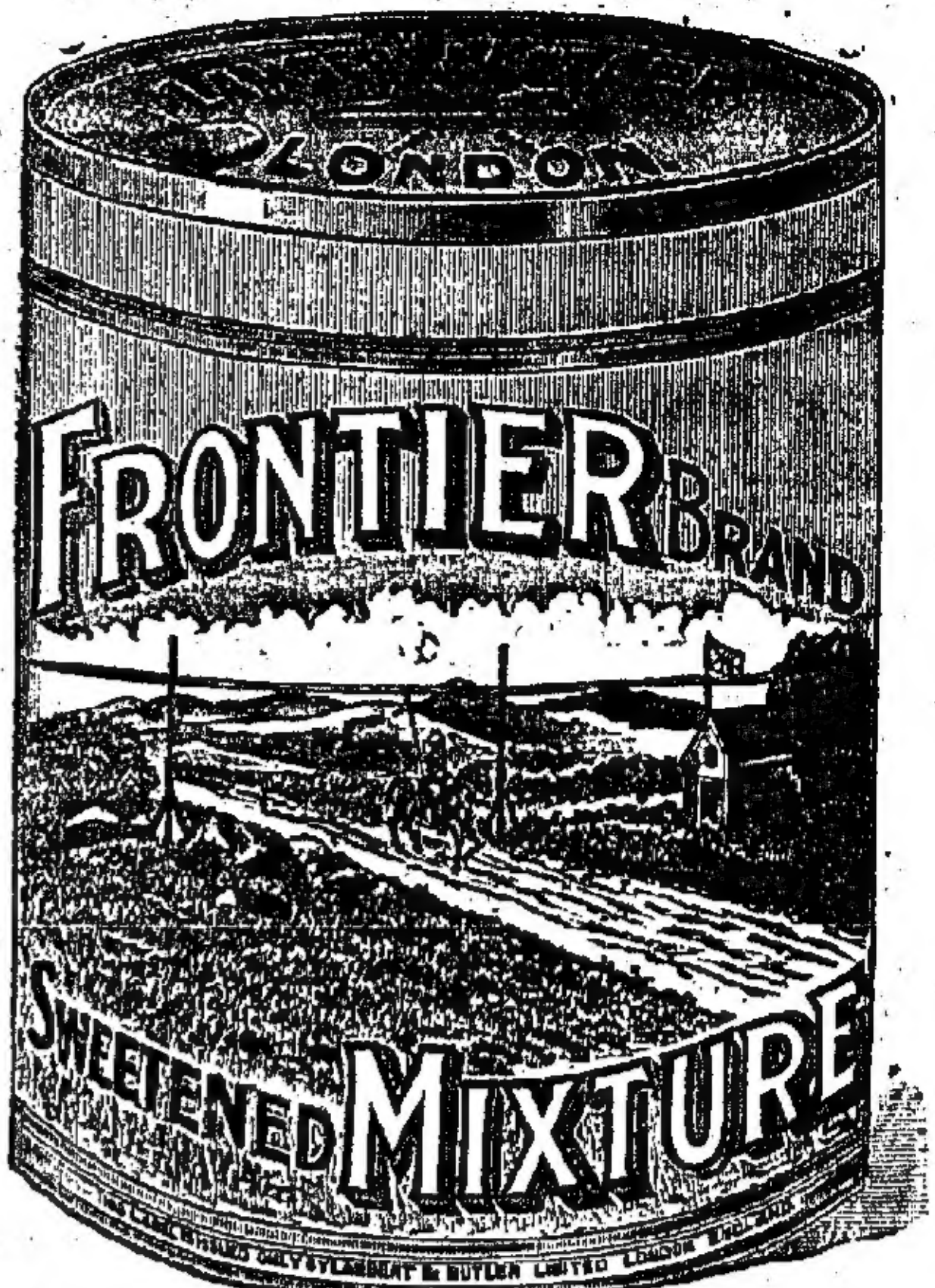
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LAMBERT AND BUTLER'S FRONTIER MIXTURE IS SMOKED BY ALL HIGH-CLASS TOBACCO SMOKERS.



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BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY, LIMITED.

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No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (Facing Duddell Street).

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BRANCH OFFICES:—HIGASHI-HOMMACHI, MOJI, MINAMI-AIKAWA, OSAKA AND KAIGAN, WAKAMATSU.

AGENCY MR. S. NAKAYAMA, MOTOMACHI YOKOHAMA.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: MIDZUSHIMA, Kobe, Moji, Osaka, Wakamatsu, and Hongkong

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Importers of Japanese Coals. Contractors of Coal to the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes de France, Messageries Japonaises, Arsenals and Japanese Railway Companies, &c. Sole Proprietors of Kumamoto and Taniguchi Coal Mines. Sole Agents for Kawanishi, Komatsugawa, Minami, Itajiri and Kumagata Collieries.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1903.

K. UYEMURA, Manager.

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## JAPAN COALS.

### NETSUI BUSSAN KAISHA (NETSUI & CO.)

HEAD OFFICE:—1, SURUGA-CHO, TOKYO.

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HONGKONG BRANCH:—PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, ICE HOUSE STREET

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New York, San Francisco, Hamburg, Bombay, Singapore, Sourabaya, Manila, Amoy, Shanghai, Chefoo, Tientsin, Newchwang, Port Arthur, Seoul, Chemulpo, Yokohama, Yokosuka, Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, Kure, Shimonoseki, Moji, Wakamatsu, Karatsu, Nagasaki, Kuchino, Sasebo, Nishinomiya, Hiroshima, Hakodate, Taipei, &c.

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CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Armaments and the State Railways; Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers.

SOLE PROPRIETORS of the Famous Mito, Tagawa, Yamano and Ida Coal Mines; and SOLE AGENTS for Hokoku, Hondo, Kanada, Fujioka, Mameda, Mannoura, Onoura, Otsubu, Sasahara, Teikoku, Yoshinomiya, Yoshio, Yanokihara, and other Coals.

N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong.

### CARBOLINEUM-AVENARIUS

USED FOR OVER 25 YEARS.



Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus, Rot, and Dampness.

LUTHERS, REINSMANN & CO.,  
Sole Agents for China.

Hongkong 1st July, 1902. [8902]

### CARTRIDGES.

NOBEL'S SPORTING BALLISTITE.

Absolutely Smokeless and Water-resisting.

THE BEST NITRO-POWDER IN THE WORLD.

PRICE OF 12-BORE CARTRIDGES:—







# OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD. JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.  
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,  
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAPA,  
AND SUMATRA PORTS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"TYDEUS"	On 23rd December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"NESTOR"	On 1st January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"KEEMUN"	On 8th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"KINTUCK"	On 14th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"PINGSUEY"	On 22nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"MOYUNE"	On 28th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"GLAUCUS"	On 3rd February.

## HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PROMETHEUS"	On 22nd December.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DARDANUS"	On 5th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"YANGTZE"	On 19th January.
LIVERPOOL	"DIOMED"	On 22nd January.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	"TYDEUS"	On 1st January.
	"PINGSUEY"	On 24th January.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS. [10-12]

Hongkong, 17th December, 1903.

# CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"KASHING"	On 19th December.
SHANGHAI	"YOHANG"	On 21st December.
SHANGHAI and SHANGHAI	"TIENTSIN"	On 22nd December.
CEBU and ILOILO	"KWEIYANG"	On 22nd December.
MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	On 23rd December.
MANILA	"CHINGTU"	On 30th December.

PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY,  
ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIENS,  
TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE,  
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.

Kobe. The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these  
Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified  
Sergeant is carried.

Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports and other  
Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other  
Australian Ports.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1903.

# TOYO KISEN KAISHA MANILA LINE.

Largest and Fastest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled  
Unrivalled Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Steamship	Captain	Tons	Sailing Date.
"ROHILLA MARU"	Ernest Bent	3889	Tuesday, 22nd December, at 11 A.M.
"ROSETTA MARU"	H. S. Smith	3876	Saturday, 26th December, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Ice House  
Street. K. NAKASHIMA, Manager. [17]

Hongkong, 17th December, 1903.

# PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
LONDON, &c.	"BALLARAT"	Noon, 19th December	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	"COROMANDEL"	10 A.M., 19th December	Freight and Passage.

LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, YOKO-  
HAMA, KOBE and MALTA.

For further Particulars, apply to  
E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent. [1]

Hongkong, 19th December, 1903.

# OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA

REGULAR STEAM-SHIP SERVICES BETWEEN  
HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS  
AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—  
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 23rd December.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 27th December.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"MAIDZURU MARU"	TUESDAY, 22nd December.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"ANPING MARU"	SATURDAY, 26th December.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and  
Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided  
for first class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.  
By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading are issued for Cargo to Yangtze  
River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's  
steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office  
at No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central.  
Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. T. ARIMA, Manager. [15]

# COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

## NOTICE.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT,  
MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN  
AND BLACK SEA PORTS,  
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;  
ALSO  
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 23rd December, 1903,  
at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship  
"SALAZAR," Captain Nègre, will leave  
Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this  
Port for MARSEILLES via Port of Call,  
WITHOUT TRANSITMENT.  
Cargo and Specie will be registered for London  
as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in  
transit through Marseilles for the principal  
places of Europe.  
Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon  
only on Monday, the 22nd December. Specie and  
Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day.  
No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.  
Parcels are not to be sent on board; they  
must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents  
and Values of Packages must be required.  
For further particulars, apply at the Com-  
pany's Office. G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [2]

# NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersecretary GENERAL AGENTS  
for CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line  
are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF  
LADING for all the principal ports in  
SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-  
CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s fortnightly  
service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from  
CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.  
For Freight and further particulars,  
apply to  
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.  
General Agents for China and Japan.  
Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

# CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

## HONGKONG-MANILA. REDUCED SALOON PASSAGE MONEY.

SINGLE, \$20; RETURN, \$35.  
STEAMERS FITTED THROUGHOUT WITH  
ELECTRIC LIGHT. FIRST CLASS ACCOM-  
MODATION. UNRIVALLED TABLE. DULY  
QUALIFIED SURGEON CARRIED.

# BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 4th July, 1903. [1894]

# FOR CANTON.

## THE new and fast Twin-Screw Steamer

"SAN CHUEN,"  
951 Tons, Captain A. Murphy, will leave for  
Canton at 8 P.M. on SUNDAYS, TUES-  
DAYS and THURSDAYS and return to  
Hongkong on the following days, leaving Canton  
at 5 P.M. Excellent accommodation, electric  
light, and perfect cuisine. Wharf at Hongkong  
near Harbour Office.  
First-class Fare, \$3 each way. Meals, \$1  
each.  
Cargo Freight very moderate.

J. TREVOUX & CO.,  
No. 123, Connaught Road Central.  
Hongkong, 30th June, 1903. [1751]

# NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLEBOROUGH, ANT-  
WERP, LONDON, PORT SAID,  
COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

# THE Company's Steamship

"HAKATA MARU"  
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby informed that their  
Goods are being landed and placed at their risk  
in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf, where  
each consignment will be sorted out mark by  
mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as  
the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless in-  
structions are given to the contrary before  
4 P.M. TO-DAY, 18th inst.  
Goods not cleared before the 23rd inst. will  
be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in  
the Godowns and notice of same sent to this  
Office before the 26th inst., or claims in con-  
nection therewith will not be recognised.

This steamer brings on cargo from Marseilles  
ex s.s. Warwickshire, transhipped at Port Said.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

# NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. HONGKONG, 16th December, 1903. [3480]

# NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TACOMA,"  
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-  
HAMA, AND KOBE.

CARGO of the above Steamer having arrived,  
per "Victoria," Consignees of Cargo  
are hereby requested to send in their Bills of  
Lading for countersignature and to take  
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-  
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk  
and expense.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in  
any case whatever.  
DODWELL & CO., LD.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [7]

# NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "VICTORIA,"  
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-  
HAMA, AND KOBE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-  
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to  
send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature  
and to take immediate delivery of their  
Goods from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk  
and expense.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in  
any case whatever.  
DODWELL & CO., LD.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [17]

# STEAMSHIP "ANNAM."

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s.  
Bagdad, Sinaï and Medes, in connection with  
above Steamer, are hereby informed that their  
Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure  
and Valuables, are being landed and stored at  
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at  
Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained  
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless  
intimation is received from the Consignees  
before Noon, TO-DAY, the 18th inst., requesting  
it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed  
after Tuesday, the 22nd inst. at Noon, will  
be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before  
the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognised.  
All damaged packages will be examined on  
Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. [2]

# FROM HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

## THE N.D.L. Steamship

"WURZBURG,"  
Captain von Bismarck, having arrived from the  
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for  
countersignature by the Undersigned and to  
take immediate delivery of their Goods from  
along-side.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,  
TO-DAY, the 16th inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be  
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,  
and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject  
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 22nd inst. at 3 P.M.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
Hongkong Office.  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1903. [3471]

# OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI- GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"YANGTZE"  
are hereby notified that the Cargo is being  
discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the  
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon  
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both  
cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo  
will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown  
on and after the 15th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice  
has been given prior to steamer's arrival.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined at 11 A.M. on the 22nd inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods  
remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst. will  
be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the undersigned on or before the  
29th inst., or they will not be recognised.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [10-12]

# FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

## THE H.A.L. Steamship

"AMBRIA,"  
Captain Duckstein, having arrived from the  
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for  
countersignature by the Undersigned and to  
take immediate delivery of their Goods from  
along-side.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,  
TO-DAY, the 12th inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be  
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,  
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 19th inst. will be subject  
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 19th inst. at 3 P.M.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
Hongkong Office.  
Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [3460]

# AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI- GATION COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PIUM, PORT SAID,  
ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG  
AND SINGAPORE.

## THE Company's Steamship

"VINDOBONA"  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being landed at  
their risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,  
whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings Cargo—  
From Levant ex s.s. Vesta, transhipped at  
Port Said.  
From Venice ex s.s. Venus, transhipped at  
Trieste.  
From Zanzibar ex s.s. Africa, transhipped at  
Aden.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless  
notice to the contrary be given immediately.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns of the Undersigned before  
Noon, on the 23rd of December, or they will  
not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any  
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the  
23rd of December will be subject to rent.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
SANDER, WIELEB & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1903. [3]

# HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Alacrity, despatch-boat, 1,700 tons, 10 guns,  
3,000 h.p., Comdr. O. De Brock, en route  
Shanghai.

Albion, battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, Capt.  
Thomas H. M. Jerram, Hongkong.

Algerine, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 h.p.,  
Comdr. Rowland Nugent, Singapore.

Amphitrite, 1st class cruiser, 11,000 tons, 18,000  
h.p., Capt. Charles Windham, C.V.O.,  
Hongkong.

Blenheim, 1st class cruiser, 9,000 tons, 12 guns,  
21,411 h.p., Capt. F. G. Stopford, at  
Singapore.

Brantford, gunboat, 710 tons, 6 guns, 1,800 h.p.,  
Lieut.-Comdr. C. O. M. Makins, Hongkong.

Britomart, gunboat, 710 tons, 6 guns, 1,800 h.p.,  
Lieut.-Comdr. Thos. D. Pratt, Hongkong.

Cressy, cruiser, 12,000 tons, 14 guns, 21,000  
h.p., Capt. Henry M. T. Tudor, Weihaiwei.

Eclipse, cruiser, 5,600 tons, 11 guns, Captain  
Stokes, Hongkong.

Esperanza, gunboat, 1,070 tons, 10 guns, Comdr.  
Ernest G. Barton, Nanchang.

Fame, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6 guns,  
5,700 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. Assor, at  
Hongkong.

Feetless, cruiser, 443 tons, 12 guns, Capt.  
Vaughan Lewis, Singapore.

Glory, battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 13,500  
h.p., Captain A. W. Carter, Hongkong.

Handy, torpedo-boat destroyer, 350 tons, 6 guns,  
4,000 h.p., in reserve.

Hart, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns,  
4,000 h.p., in reserve.

Humbar, storeship, 1,640 tons, Comdr. John D.  
Daintree, Hongkong.

Janus, torpedo-boat destroyer, 280 tons, 6 guns,  
3,900 h.p., in reserve.

Kinsla, river gunboat, 331 tons, Lieut.-Comdr.  
Christopher P. McNeill, on Yangtze.

Levenham, cruiser, 14,100 tons, Capt. Hon. W.  
G. Stopford, Hongkong.

Moorehead, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns,  
Lieut.-Comdr. G. G. Webster, West River.

Matine, sloop, 930 tons, 10 guns, Comdr. C.  
W. M. Plunderleath, en route for Australia.

Ocean, battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 13,500  
h.p., Captain R. F. O. Foote, C.M.G.,  
Hongkong.

Other, torpedo-boat destroyer, 350 tons, in  
reserve.

Phoenix, sloop, 1,015 tons, 6 guns, 1,400 h.p.,  
Comdr. W. H. Nicholson, Hongkong.

Rambling, surveying ship, 583 tons, Capt. Morris  
H. Smyth, Amoy.

Rizdale, sloop, 950 tons, 6 guns, Comdr. D. St.  
Aulyn Wake, Hongkong.

Robin, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240  
h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. W. J. Howard,  
West River.

Rosario, sloop, 980 tons, 6 guns, 11,400 h.p.,  
Comdr. Thos. Jackson, Hongkong.

Sandpiper, river gunboat, 88 tons, 2 guns, 240  
h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. L. W. Jones, Hongkong.

Sirius, 2nd class cruiser, 3,900 tons, Capt. C. H.  
H. Moore, Shanghai.

Snipe, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p.,  
Lieut.-Comdr. Ernest W. G. Davidson, on  
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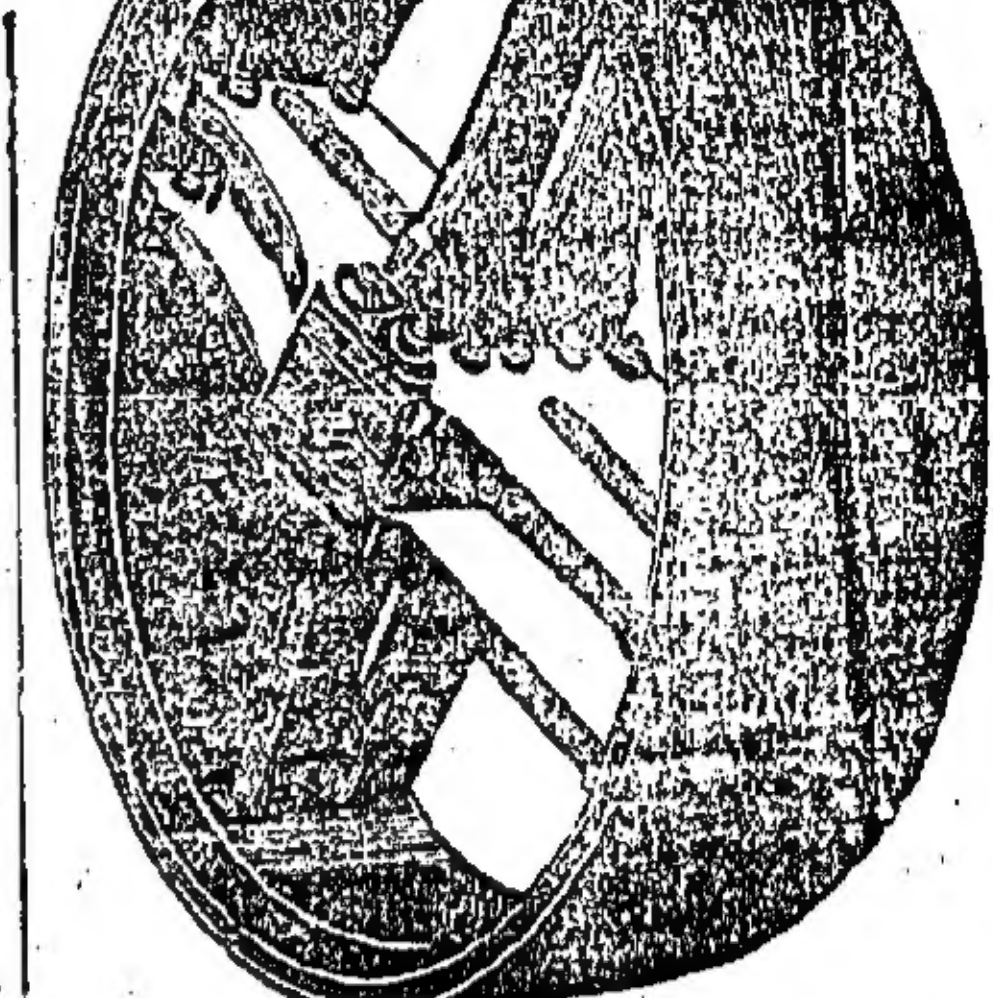
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